



# St Patrick's Catholic Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2020 Year A

Saturday	25 Apr	10.30am	Ray Todd (RIP)
Sunday	26 Apr	10.30am	Shirley Sugrue (RIP); Tom Igoe (RIP)
Monday	27 Apr	10.30am	Jim Feeney
Tuesday	28 Apr	10.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	29 Apr	10.30am	Bridie Guilfoyle
Thursday	30 Apr	10.30am	
Friday	1 May	10.30am	
Saturday	2 May	10.30am	Ray Todd (RIP)
Sunday	3 May	10.30am	
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): No Confessions until further notice</b>			
<b>Devotional Candles:</b>			
<b>Sacred Heart:</b>	Bridie Guilfoyle	<b>Our Lady:</b>	
<b>Divine Mercy:</b>		<b>St Joseph:</b>	Special Intention (BK)
<b>St Anthony:</b>			

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently, those who mourn for them and those whose anniversary occurs around this time. We especially remember those who have died from Covid-19. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace.

### ASSISTANCE

If any of our parishioners are in need of help with shopping, please let us know by calling the parish phone number: **07706400871**. We have a few volunteers who are more than happy to assist you.

### THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Your prayers are asked for the sick and lonely of the parish, those in hospital and the housebound, especially:

Tom Ruddy	Rosemary Doherty
Eileen Connolly	Annie Neville
Veronica Griffin	Maureen Noone
Breda Somers	Maureen Bird
Noreen Hegarty	Rita Keogh
Bridie Guilfoyle	Hazel Hancock
Theresa Smith	

May God grant them healing, comfort and ease of pain. We remember also all those who are suffering with Covid-19.

### MASS INTENTIONS & DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

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### PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on each member of our parish.

Warm our hearts with your love, so that we can follow you more closely.

Enlighten our minds so that we can understand the truth of your word. Protect and strengthen all marriages and family life.

Make our homes places of prayer, peace, harmony and welcome.

Inspire us to work together with enthusiasm and build our parish into a loving and caring community.

We make our prayer through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

## READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

**1st Reading:** Acts 2:14, 22-33

**2nd Reading:** 1Peter1:17-21

**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

## REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S GOSPEL FROM FR GEORGE

This week we join two unhappy disciples making their way back home from Jerusalem. Their hopes dashed it's a slow and long trek back, so it's with great surprise that their new companion seems so clueless about the events that have caused their distress. As they talk it becomes clear that while they have heard accounts of the resurrection, they can't believe the rumours. So they set themselves up for a big shortfall of their expectations.

This year we are engaged in our own journey through difficult times, and no doubt are questioning and wondering about how we are to find a new normal in the way we are to live. It's easy to be like Cleopas and his companion, and to think this marks the end of something significant. That is to lose hope. Where is the Christ who was to bring our salvation?

The answer, like the two disciples is to be found right next to us. It is found in the simple gestures that truly define the care we have for our fellow travelers. The revelation of who Jesus is, is found in the simplest of interactions. To talk and discuss the feelings the disciples have is that first gift Jesus offers. It is when he is invited to stay, as day is at an end, that a new beginning dawns for them. It is when they sit to eat that the true meaning of their journey is revealed in the breaking of bread. Only then do their horizons expand.

We have celebrated the resurrection and yet this year we are a crestfallen people in many ways. Missing much of what our expectations have told us is normal, has been taken from us. It is through our sharing in the disciples' response that will give us our signpost to the future too. We find the presence of Christ in our brothers and sisters and all we do to care for and support them. In simple ways, as we talk to each other, shop, even help in communicating in new ways is a sign the resurrection is alive and well. So, let us continue to recognise that Jesus walks with us too. To remember that we too are the resurrected people who walk with each other.

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## SCHOOL MEALS WHILE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

A blue poster with the text 'Free school meals' in large white letters. Below it, smaller white text reads: 'Schools can provide free school meals for children and young people, even if they are not currently attending school, due to COVID-19. You can access a free school meals voucher or food parcels during term time and during the Easter holiday.' To the right is a circular inset image showing a woman and a child eating together. A white fork is positioned to the left of the circular image. At the bottom, a white banner contains the text 'Find out more at [www.coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)'.

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Schools which are open for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children during the Covid-19 outbreak are continuing to provide meal options for staff and children who are in school, and free school meals for all eligible pupils in attendance.

Children eligible for free school meals can now benefit from a national government voucher scheme allowing them to continue to access meals whilst they stay at home. Coventry schools are working very hard to ensure that all children entitled to Free School meals are able to access them, and this can be done in a number of ways. Schools can now provide families with a weekly shopping voucher worth £15 for every eligible child to spend at supermarkets, and/or provide meals for collection or delivery themselves. Where this is not possible, schools can provide vouchers to families electronically, or as a gift card for those without internet access.

Free school meals vouchers can be spent on food at a range of shops including Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, and M&S, and the Department of Education is working to get more shops to join the scheme as soon as possible.

### DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH

Several people have phoned to ask how they can give their weekly donation to the parish during this time of not being able to attend Mass. I know that it is a difficult time financially for many and do not want to put any added burden on anybody but the church does still have bills coming in so if you would like to give I suggest you email the parish on [stpatricks.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stpatricks.covty@rcaob.org.uk) and ask for the bank details. You can then give by direct transfer. Alternatively, you can put your collection money aside each week and give it when you return. As I said, I do not want to anybody to feel pressured by this so only if you are able.

**Pope Francis says:** "From my point of view, God is the light that illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it, and a spark of divine light is within each of us."